

HOUSE RESOLUTION 269

By Hawk

A RESOLUTION to honor the Rotary Club of Greeneville upon the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those exemplary organizations and their remarkable members who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable organization is the Rotary Club of Greeneville, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary on December 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, throughout its illustrious history, the club has remained committed to Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," and continues to be highly regarded throughout the Greeneville community for its many contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Greeneville is part of Rotary International, a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who provide humanitarian service, encourage ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects; the Rotary Club of Greeneville has partnered with Rotary International in battling polio worldwide since 1988, uniting with the organizations of WHO, CDC, UNICEF, and The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in reducing the incidence of polio by 99.9 percent. From literacy and peace to water and health, Rotary is always working to better our world and stays committed to the end; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Greeneville is part of Rotary District 7570, which encompasses the western part of Virginia and northeast Tennessee; the club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, in 1920, George W. Doughty was selected to serve as the first president of the Rotary Club of Greeneville; each year, a different Rotarian served as president of the club, which was exclusively male until 1989, when Rotary International admitted women to the clubs for the first time and Gladys Duran became the first woman president of the club; and

WHEREAS, over the last century, the Rotary Club of Greeneville has time and again dedicated its efforts to improving the quality of life for the citizens of Greeneville, sponsoring Little League baseball, basketball, and soccer teams; various Interact clubs at schools; the Adopt-A-Highway program; and the construction of a pavilion at Hardin Park, along with a ballfield and benches at the tennis courts; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Greeneville has sponsored Greeneville residents in group study exchange programs to Turkey, Australia, and other locations; hosted group study exchange programs for participants from other nations to Rotary District 7570; and hosted high school exchange students from around the world; and

WHEREAS, recently, the club obtained district grants, which have aided in the completion of such projects as the pavilion at Rural Resources, construction at the Isaiah House, and, with the Greeneville Morning Rotary Club, a computer lab at the Boys and Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Greeneville has provided generous support to its Partner in Education, Ottway Elementary School, installing lockers for students, a table in the library with a centered Rotary emblem design, and a gazebo and purchasing musical instruments for the school's band; and

WHEREAS, the club has also sponsored the Rotary Round Robin since 1962; each year, students from all of the high schools in Greeneville and Greene County compete by answering challenging questions, with the winning school/team being awarded a monetary donation and individual winners receiving up to a \$1,000, one-time scholarship; and

WHEREAS, as the Rotary Club of Greeneville celebrates its rich history of 100 years of public service, it is appropriate to honor the many club members, both past and present, who

have volunteered their time, talent, and resources in order to serve their community and fellow man; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Greeneville is most assuredly worthy of our recognition and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend the members, both past and present, of the Rotary Club of Greeneville for their dedication to public service, congratulate them on the club's 100th anniversary, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.